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1. The MAO Tse-tung (former Vulcan) metal works fulfilled only 37 percent of its production plan in February and March 1954. Although 25 tons of scrap iron, the principal raw material used by the factory, are required for full production in one 8-hour shift, not more than one-sixth of the required quantity of scrap has been made available for the past few months. The factory employs 2,800 workers. Before the shortage of scrap iron, workers overfulfilled their norms, some as much as 170 percent, and earned up to 600 lei per month. They are now unable to produce more than the minimum norms, and their monthly wages average from 270 to 300 lei.
2. The 23 August factory fulfilled only 40 percent of its production plan in February and March 1954. The factory needs approximately 140 tons of raw materials for one 8-hour shift, but it has received only one-sixth of its requirements for the past few months.
3. The overall cuts in Rumanian heavy industry has led to extensive propaganda for "voluntary" enlistment of industrial workers for agricultural employment. By 21 March 1954 only 140 workers from the MAO Tse-tung works had "volunteered" for agricultural work.

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